

Orientation Center for the Blind

Adjusting to Blindness

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Each year thousands of Americans experience blindness or a severe vision impairment for the first time. The California Department of Rehabilitation established the Orientation Center for the Blind to assist adults adjust to new vision disabilities by immersion in a residential environment that is respectful, knowledgeable and empowering. Credentialed teachers and qualified rehabilitation professionals provide a full curriculum of classes and experiences individually tailored to assist each student to reach their full potential for self-sufficiency and contribution to society.

All students are evaluated and provided the following training and services:

- Independent Travel, including orientation and mobility
- Physical Conditioning
- Communication Skills, including Braille instruction
- Computer Access Technology
- Daily Living Skills, including cooking
- Resource Management, including assistive technology
- Pre-Vocational Preparation
- Personal Adjustment Counseling

FACTS

- Residential facilities are available for up to 36 students
- Length of training is individualized to students' needs, and averages from six to nine months
- There is no cost to students, such as tuition, lodging and meals
- Any Department of Rehabilitation consumer who is blind or severely visually impaired may be considered for participation

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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